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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCAG)
1996 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

We have completed our review of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) conformity determination of the 1996 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This U.S. DOT determination of conformity for SBCAG's 1996 FTIP was made in accordance with the transitional phase requirements of the conformity procedures of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment (CAAA) as provided within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) final rule on transportation conformity (40 CFR Part 51 and 93), as amended.

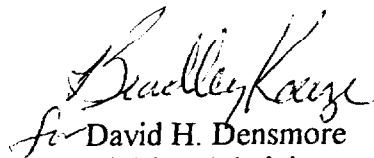
The EPA final rule on transportation conformity was issued within the Federal Register on November 24, 1993, and became effective as of December 27, 1993. The final rule on transportation conformity requires that transportation plans and programs be found to conform according to specific criteria and procedures. The SBCAG Governing Board demonstrated meeting the criteria and procedures of the transportation conformity rule on September 16, 1996, when they adopted the 1996 FTIP (Resolution No. 96-20).

We accept this determination of conformity in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. The SBCAG 1996 FTIP will be approved into the 1996 FSTIP when approved by the FHWA and FTA.

We find this SBCAG FTIP was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 1607). This finding has been coordinated with the Regional Offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Sincerely,


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